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1. WHILE NOT YET FORMALLY ANNOUNCED WE NOW CAN CONFIRM ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT G-LEVEL SALARY SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED APRIL 15 BETWEEN DEBATIN AND STAFF REPRESENTATIVES ON SLIDING SCALE WHICH PROVIDES PERCENTAGE INCREASES FOR VARIOUS G-LEVEL STEPS AS FOLLOWS: 15 PERCENT FOR G.1 AND G.2; 14 PERCENT FOR G.3 AND G.4; 12 PERCENT FOR G.5; 11 PERCENT FOR G.6 AND &.7. CONSISTENT WITH AGREEMENT REACHED AS PART OF STRIKE SETTLEMENT PACKAGE MONTH AGO, SALARY INCREASES ARE RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 1, 1975, AND ALLOWANCE INCREASES ARE RETOACTIVE TO APRIL 1.

2. DEBATIN IS MEETING THIS MORNING WITH AGENCY HEADS TO PRESENT THIS SOLUTION TO THEM FOR THEIR APPROVAL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STAFF REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET AFTERNOON OF APRIL 21

TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE FROM STAFF SIDE. ASSUMING TO OBJECTIONS ARE EXPRESSED FROM EITHER SIDE, FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT EXPECTED TO BE MADE THEREAFTER.

- 3. REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATIONS WERE BROKEN OFF AFTERNOON OF APRIL 14 WHEN STAFF REPRESENTATIVES REFUSED TO ACCEPT BEST PLAN DEBATIN COULD OFFER AND STILL MAINTAIN TWELVE PERCENT CEILING SET BY WALDHEIM. HE REPORTED FAILURE TO WALDHEIM AND THE TWO THEN CAME UP WITH THIS NEW APPROACH OF SLIDING SCALE WHICH ALLOWS FOR GREATER THAN TWELVE PERCENT INCREASES FOR STAFF AT LOWER END OF SALARY SCALE AT EXPENSE, IN EFFECT, OF THOSE AT UPPER END. RECONVENED IN EVENING OF APRIL 14, STAFF APPARENTLY QUICKLY CAME TO TERMS WITH DEBATIN ON THIS PROPOSAL.
- 4. EFFECTIVE INCREASE FOR G-LEVEL SALARIES OVERALL ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 12.8 PERCENT GIVEN DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF WITHIN THE VARIOUS CLASSES. (THERE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, VERY FEW AT G.1-G.2 LEVEL.). GIVEN SAME FACTOR, OVERALL DOLLAR COST IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD TWELVE PERCENT INCREASE BEEN IMPLEMENTED ACROSS THE BOARD.DALE

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